

§ 251.51

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§ 251.51 Closing the record.

To close the record of hearing, the chairperson of a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel shall make an announcement that the taking of testimony has concluded. In its discretion the panel may close the record as of a future specified date, and allow time for exhibits yet to be prepared to be admitted, provided that the parties to the proceeding stipulate on the record that they waive the opportunity to cross-examine or present evidence with respect to such exhibits. The record in any hearing that has been recessed may not be closed by the chairperson before the day on which the hearing is to resume, except upon ten days' notice to all parties.

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§ 251.52 Proposed findings and conclusions.

(a) Any party to the proceeding may file proposed findings of fact and conclusions, briefs, or memoranda of law, or may be directed by the chairperson to do so. Such filings, and any replies to them, shall take place at such time after the record has been closed as the chairperson directs.

(b) Failure to file when directed to do so shall be considered a waiver of the right to participate further in the proceeding, unless good cause for the failure is shown.

(c) Proposed findings of fact shall be numbered by paragraph and include all basic evidentiary facts developed on the record used to support proposed conclusions, and shall contain appropriate citations to the record for each evidentiary fact. Proposed findings submitted by someone other than a party in a proceeding shall be restricted to those issues specifically affecting that person.

(d) Proposed conclusions shall be stated separately.

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§ 251.53 Report to the Librarian of Congress.

(a) At any time after the filing of proposed findings of fact and conclu-

sions of law and any replies thereto specified in § 251.52, and not later than 180 days from publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of notification of commencement of the proceeding, a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel shall deliver to the Librarian of Congress a report incorporating its written determination. Such determination shall be accompanied by the written record, and shall set forth the facts that the panel found relevant to its determination.

(b) The determination of the panel shall be certified by the chairperson and signed by all of the arbitrators. Any dissenting opinion shall be certified and signed by the arbitrator so dissenting.

(c) At the same time as the submission to the Librarian of Congress, the chairperson of the panel shall cause a copy of the determination to be delivered to all parties participating in the proceeding.

(d) The Librarian of Congress shall make the report of the CARP and the accompanying record available for public inspection and copying.

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§ 251.54 Assessment of costs of arbitration panels.

(a) The ordinary and necessary costs of an arbitrator shall be assessed, in accordance with § 251.38, as follows:

(1) In the case of a rate adjustment proceeding, the parties to the proceeding shall bear the entire cost thereof in such manner and proportion as the panel shall direct.

(2) In the case of a distribution proceeding, the parties to the proceeding shall bear the total cost of the proceeding in direct proportion to their share of the distribution. These costs shall be considered reasonable costs incurred by the Librarian of Congress and the Copyright Office. Such costs shall be deducted from the royalty fees which have been deposited and collected under title 17 of the United States Code and which are the subject of the distribution proceeding.

(b) Each arbitrator shall itemize his or her expenses on the statement of cost in a format approved by the General Counsel and shall specify the name